

# NOMADIC WATERS – Our favorite Lures



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Not all lures are created equal, especially when it comes to jungle fishing for peacock bass. Even the good lure manufacturers cut corners by adding cheap hooks to a high quality lure. The ritual of replacing manufacturer's hooks with saltwater grade treble hooks is a weekly occurrence on a Nomadic Waters trip. **The following is a list of our favorite, high quality confidence lures for the jungle.**

**NOTE: White Tackle is offering custom lure packages that are designed specifically for our waters. Contact [Geoff@whitestackle.com](mailto:Geoff@whitestackle.com) to order.**

**NOMAD bucktail jigs are available on our shop website: [www.ShopNomadicWaters.com](http://www.ShopNomadicWaters.com)**



**The prop-bait is the iconic lure of the Amazon Jungle.** Although there are a few manufacturers that specialize in this style of lure, we use **High Roller's 5.5" Rip Rollers** exclusively. They are the favorite among our Guides, so that's good enough for us. If you are only hunting for trophies on our trip, then this is the lure you need to fish. This is a very heavy lure that requires exactly the right equipment and skill-set to fish properly. It is not a numbers lure, it is a trophy lure. When our Guides have a day off, they will use this lure 80% of their day. Color preference is irrelevant, so pick a color you like and fish it hard. This is how you hit the 20 pounders in our waters. **This lure is best fished with a 6' 6" heavy power / fast or medium action casting rod matched with a fast retrieve (7:1 gear ratio) casting reel lined with 65 to 85 pound braid.**



**REBEL's Jumpin Minnow** and **Heddon's Super Spook XT** have been long-time jungle favorites, and are considered must-have's in any peacock bass tackle box. Use any color you like, as long as it's bone (or white with a red head). Replace the cheap hooks on Rebel's lures with #2 saltwater trebles and you're good to go. Topwater strikes are what our fish do best, and this is a fantastic choice of lure that will catch good numbers and a variety of sizes of our fish. Sometimes our fish hit these so hard that the lures are launched 4 feet in the air, only to be hit again the moment they land on the water! Practice your "walk-the-dog" skills before you arrive, or spend the week learning instead of catching.



**Bomber's Badonk-a-donk HP** gets its own category because it is quickly becoming one of our absolute favorite topwater lures. It certainly out-produced Rebel's Jumpin Minnow and Heddon's Super Spooks last Season, and that is saying something! Guests find this profile very easy to cast, and more importantly, very easy to walk the dog with. Bone is very, very good. As is Citrus Shad and Redhead Flash.

**For the classic top water "walk the dog" style lures, we prefer a 6' to 6' 6" medium power/fast action casting rod which is matched with a medium fast retrieve casting reel. Spool this with 40-50 pound braid.**



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**YO-ZURI** builds a very high quality lure, they are worth every penny. There are times when the top water bite is off due to water depth/clarity, and this is when we break out the jerk baits and bucktail jigs. Every fish in our rivers and lagoons will eat a jerk bait or a bucktail jig, so if you are looking for numbers this is the way to go. **YO-ZURI's Crystal Minnow (floating) in Holographic Red-head, Clown, and Orange Black Gold are our go-to's.**

**For bucktail jigs, we are very partial to our own NOMAD jigs** which are hand-tied by our Fishing Manager. These jigs won't win any beauty contests, but our Fishing Manager is on the water with Guests every single day of our Season, and he knows exactly the right size, shape, and color that will trigger our fish into a strike. Colors are Classic White, Uatuma Green, Classic Yellow, and Negro Red and Yellow. **Available at [www.ShopNomadicWaters.com](http://www.ShopNomadicWaters.com)**

**Both of these lure styles are best fished with a 7' medium power spinning rod with a fast or medium action. The high quality spinning reel should be spooled with 40 pound braid.**